WHOLE MONSTER STOCK OF CLOTHING SOLD TO THE COURAGEOUS PROPRIETOR OF

Corner Third and Burnside Streets Corner Third and Burnside Streets

THE BIG BOSTON CLOTHING AND SHOE STORE PURCHASED BY MR. STRAIN AT 27 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR

This is the correspondence that tells its story of the deal, the amazing like of which was never before heard of in this or any other civilized city beneath the sun.

Mr. Strain's Astounding Offer!

CHICAGO OFFICE: 229-230 MONADNOCK BLOCK

COR. THIRD AND BURNSIDE STS.

PORTLAND, ORE., DEC. 26, 1905

CHAS. FENSLER, Esq.

Manager Boston Store. First and Salmon Sts .. Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find my offer of 27 cents on the dollar, invoice price. (no freight charges to be added), for your entire stock of Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Furnishings; also find certified check for twenty (20) per cent of the purchase price.

If my offer is accepted, notify me at once, as stock must be delivered to my Hub Store not later than Friday noon.

Yours very truly,

Paul Strain



THE BOSTON STORE, FIRST AND SALMON, Which Contained the Big Stock of Fine Clothing sold to The Hub at Such Fearful Sacrifice.

Mr. Strain's Amazing Bid Accepted!

Boston Store

FIRST AND SALMON STS.

PORTLAND, ORE., DEC. 27, 1905

PAUL STRAIN, Esq.

The Hub. 3rd and Burnside, City Dear Sir: Your offer of 27 cents on the dollar for the entire stock of Holland Bros., which invoices \$66,000.00. is accepted.

I return you certified check which accompanied your offer, and will ask you to send me your check for \$17,820.00. same being 27 cents on the dollar for entire \$66,000.00 stock.

You can begin moving the stock Thursday night.

I certainly congratulate you on obtaining this splendid merchandise at such a ridiculously low figure, and wish you all the success in the world with it. Yours very truly.

CHARLES FENSLER

And the biggest this or any other concern in this city ever has made. It amounts to an absolute "Pick-Up." It is not a bargain in the ordinary sense, because "bargains" contemplate buying something at less than its real value—not securing it at a mere infinitesimal fraction of its worth. The stock contained in the Boston, at First and Salmon streets, was inventoried \$66,000.00, and when the time arrived today for opening bids for the entire outfit, it was found that

The Hub's Offer of \$17,820 Spot Cash for the Stock was the Best on File, and It was Awarded the Splendid Prize!

By this one stroke of enterprise the management of The Hub will easily BE ENABLED TO SELL CLOTHING AND SHOES AT LESS THAN ONE-QUARTER THE REAL WORTH. And to demonstrate this, and for the purpose of making suitable preparation,

THE HUB will remain closed all day tomorrow while the goods are being installed and the prices marked down. All the spare freight automobiles and truck wagons in the city will be employed tonight and tomorrow in removing the stock to The Hub, and BEGINNING SATURDAY MORNING THE SAILS OF THE HUB WILL BE SPREAD FOR THE MOST ASTOUNDING CLOTHING AND SHOE SALE EVER ATTEMPTED ON THE PACIFIC COAST! It will be monumental in its proportions. It will be stupendously gigantic in its littleness of prices, and forever renowned as the paralyzer of the clothing market of the North Pacific Coast.

THE STOCK OF THE BOSTON IS NOT CHEAP TRASH But representative of elegance and fashion in everything intended to adorn the feet or back of men. It was bought for the highest class of trade, many of its suits retailing regularly at as much as \$35 to \$50, and the latter we will be able to sell, we expect, at as low a price as \$10 or \$11. The \$25 suits we can sell at \$6.75, and so on down the list.

SEE OUR ADVERTISEMENT IN THIS PAPER TOMORROW

For Actual Prices We Shall Sell this Clothing

The figures will appal the people! They will appear most unbelievable! The facts will be the wonder of the day, and the man who is rich as well as he of limited means will never pass these treasure bargains by.

Other Dealers Were Stupefied When They Learned of the Transaction

And are trembling in their boots now in anticipation of what is to happen in the clothing market during the coming month of January.

THERE IS ONE THING THAT WE CAN PROMISE THESE GENTLEMEN

And that is, that if the men and youth of Oregon read these advestisements our contemporaries will have a quiet time of it, and plenty of leisure for cogitation, in the days that follow tomorrow morning. We will warrant that many a man will travel far out of his way to procure a suit of clothes at a price which will SAVE HIM THE WAGES OF HALF A MONTH OF FATIGU-ING TOIL, and that we will clothe thousands within the next few weeks who had thought it impossible to procure new gar-ments for dress occasions or workshop or mill.

No other merchant had the courage to make THESE BARGAINS ARE TO BE HAD AT THE HUB ALONE the plunge Mr. Strain did make on this occasion, and, coupled with his already large stock, buyers have at his place an opportunity to make selections from positively the largest and finest stock of CLOTHING, MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS AND SHOES ON THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST.

REMEMBER, IT IS THE HUB, THIRD AND BURNSIDE, THAT HAS MADE THIS GREAT DE